Teaching Guide - Preschool & VSN

Monthly Theme: I'm a Victory Kid

"God has great plans for you." Jeremiah 29:11

Lesson - God Picks the Heart!

Hey Victory Kids! Are you ready for an exciting lesson? Today, we are going to hear a true story about a boy named David who God chose to be king. David did not have shiny armor, fancy clothes, or big muscles. But guess God chose him because he had something even better, a kind, brave heart that loved God. So, we are going to discover how God looks past all the outside stuff and looks at what truly matters, our hearts!

God sent His helper named Samuel to a man named Jesse's house to pick a new king for Israel. Samuel asked Jesse to bring all his sons to see who would be king. Samuel saw tall, strong brothers first.

DO IT: Hold your arms up and make a muscle. **Great job you guys are so strong.**

After Samuel saw seven strong tall brothers, he knew that one of them should be king. God told Samuel, 'No, I have not chosen these.

SAY IT & DO IT: Hold up one finger and move it left to right and say NO!

Samuel asked, "Do you have any more sons?" Jesse said, "Yes, David is out with the sheep."

David came running from taking care of the sheep but smiling with love for God. And guess what God picked David.

SAY IT: GOD picked David!

Samuel poured special oil on David's head, this showed God chose him even though he wasn't the biggest or strongest.

Do you know why God chose David. The Bible tells us that God said, 'People look at the outside of a person, but I look at the heart.' David took very good care of his sheep, loved God, and sang songs to Him. God loves us too, He sees the love in our hearts for Him, when we share with others and say kind words to others. That means more to God then fancy clothes or anything else on the outside.

PRAYER: Dear God, Thank You that You see our hearts and love us. Help us be kind to others and be brave always. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Lesson Questions - 10 mins

2 & 3Yr Olds

Question 1: Did God send Samuel to look for a new king? **(Yes)**
Question 2: Does God care most about fancy clothes? **(No)**
Question 3: Was David out taking care of the sheep? **(Yes)**
Question 4: Does God look at what is inside our hearts? **(Yes)**

4Yrs - 1st Grade
Question 1: What animals was David taking care of? **Sheep.**
Question 2: Who did God send to pick the new king? **Samuel.**
Question 3: What special part of us does God look at? **Our Heart**
Question 4: What was David's job before he was chosen? **Shepherd**

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ACTIVITY 1: SHEEP ROUND-UP

Items Needed: Cotton-balls, plastic spoons, baskets.

Connection: Shows David's everyday job God loved.

Step 1: Scatter 30 to 40 cotton balls on the table (Sheep).

Step 2: Setup 2-4 baskets on the corners of the table (sheep pens).

Step 3: The students will use the plastic spoons as shepherd's staffs to herd as many sheep into the sheep pens as fast as they can.

ACTIVITY 2: CROWN HOP

Items Needed: Crown, music.

Directions: This game is played like hot potato. Have the students sit in a circle. Once the music starts the students will pass the crown. Once the music stops, whoever is holding the crown is out. The game keeps going until one student is left.

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY

Items Needed: Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

DAVID'S SHEEP

Items Needed: Sheep template, glue, crayons, cotton balls from sheep round-up.

Connection: God saw David taking good care of his sheep.

Step 1: Distribute sheep template.
Step 2: Help the children glue cotton balls onto template.
Step 3: Have the kids color the sheep's face if they like.

COLORING SHEET: DAVID THE SHEPHERD

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: David the shepherd boy.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

Craft - David's sheep

Use cotton balls to fill the sheep.
Color or paint the other parts using your amazing imagination.